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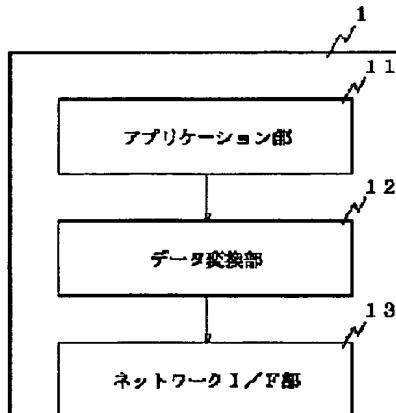
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TITLE : NETWORK PRINTER SYSTEM



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To attain a printing processing for a network printer on a different network even when a fire wall is present between networks.

SOLUTION: This network is provided with a terminal 1 having an SMTP (simple mail transfer protocol) and a means for transmitting and receiving an electronic mail on a network, and a network printer having a means for operating a printing processing, SMTP, and mail server function. The terminal is provided with a means 12 for converting print data from an application into an electronic mail format, and printing is operated from the terminal 1 to the network printer by using the SMTP.

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